

Dates to note

May 1-31	May is Short Story Month
May 1-31	May is Mystery Month (also note The Edgar® Winners and Nominees)
May 13	WVLC closed for Election Day
May 15	LYRASIS eGathering Annual Member Meeting , 1:00 – 4:00 PM. WVLC State Library Services is a member viewing location; contact Heather Campbell Shock for more information.
May 12-18	Children's Book Week
May 26	WVLC closed on Memorial Day
May 27	Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony , Culture Center, Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV

From the Secretary

By [Karen Goff, Secretary](#)



Library advocates care about libraries. This week I joined advocates from West Virginia and across the nation at National Library Legislative Day in Washington. This event is organized by the American Library Association, coordinated in the state by the West Virginia Library Association, and dependent on voices from around the country. Advocacy does not work if advocates just talk to each other. Discussions of the effects of federal library legislation at the state and local levels inundated Capitol Hill and the halls of the Senate and House office buildings.

The West Virginia group, led by WVLA Federal Relations Coordinator and academic librarian Penny Pugh visited the offices of our Congressional delegations. I discussed the importance of LSTA funds and e-Rate to every public library in the state and the role public libraries play in early learning development. Penny, joined by WVLA President Beth Royall, also an academic librarian and Ann Watson, Director of the Shepherd University

Library, encouraged support of legislation to ensure open access to articles and data resulting from scientific research supported with federal funds. Public library representatives Myra Ziegler, Director of the Summers County Public Library,

Gretchen Fry, Director of the Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library, Hali Taylor, Director of the Shepherdstown Public Library, and Jane Levitan, Dana Phelps, and Kelly Tanksley from the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Libraries provided concrete examples of how they promote literacy and lifelong learning, support school programs, inspire creativity, and stimulate civic engagement. And, with one voice, we all asked that Congress maintain federal funding for school libraries and preserve network neutrality, the principle of an open Internet.

Every day, all types of libraries are demonstrating their value. Events like National Library Legislative Day and WVLA Library Appreciation Day, activities like regular contacts with elected officials, Snapshot Day, and collecting signatures on the Declaration for the Right to Libraries, services that enable people to learn, find jobs, develop skills, and achieve dreams are all advocacy. Advocacy never sleeps.

West Virginia supports the Declaration for the Right to Libraries



To date, 831 West Virginians have signed the Declaration for the Right to Libraries, a “cornerstone document of ALA President Barbara Stripling’s presidential initiative, *Libraries Change Lives*, which is designed to build the public will and sustained support for America’s right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school and public,” [according to the ALA website](#).

[Craft Memorial Library](#) gathered the most among public libraries with 217 signatures. Among academic libraries, the [Annie Merner Pfeiffer Library](#) of West Virginia Wesleyan College gathered the most with 64.

If your library has collected signatures but has not sent the numbers in, [please contact Karen Goff](#).

Director Judy Gunsaulis reports that the Fayette County Public Library plans to schedule a Snapshot Day “during the summer reading program sign up.” Your library can still participate by printing [the Declaration](#) and seeking signatures or by directing people to the [online form from Ilovelibraries.org](#).

Ilovelibraries.org also offers [HTML which you can insert into your library website](#) to direct people to the online form.

Snapshot Day gathers photos and data

Snapshot Day – scheduled in WV during National Library week – was a success. [Allegheny Mt Top Public Library](#), [Cabell County Public Library](#), [Piedmont Public Library](#) and [Southern Area Library](#) uploaded photos to the [special Flickr account](#).

[Kanawha County Library](#) sent in [detailed statistics for its April 15 Snapshot Day](#).

Director Dana Jenkins reports that [South Jefferson Public Library](#) had 46 patrons on its Snapshot Day “with 13 children attending preschool story hour.” In addition, South Jefferson “answered eight reference questions and had 17 computer users,” while “one busy mom checked out 44 books for her children.”

Several South Jefferson patrons offered comments on the library on Snapshot Day:



- “The library is very essential to me and conveniently located, especially the availability of copier, printer, and fax and having latest copy of local newspapers is extremely helpful. The computers are critical for the times we live in to communicate beyond life in West Virginia, a true blessing and the humor and fun is free.”
- “This library – South Jefferson – is essential to our community. Our family of six uses it to check out books, DVDs and to participate in preschool story hour. The library is a great educational, social and community resource.”

It's not too late to schedule a 2014 Snapshot Day or to begin planning one for 2015. [Information and materials are available on the WVLC website.](#)

West Virginia library news

- [South Jefferson Public Library](#) in Jefferson County celebrated the tenth anniversary of its current building on April 26.
- [Swaney Memorial Library](#) in Hancock County held an open house on May 4 to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary.
- Jane Hearne, Branch Librarian at [Pennsboro Public Library](#) in Ritchie County for almost 27 years, retired May 9.
- Director Mary Stenger reports that a Swedish television crew visited the [Southern Area Library](#) to do a [report on their seed library](#). Stenger reports that “We also had fun with the ALA Lives Change @ Your Library campaign. We had several folks fill out one of those quote bubbles.” In addition, she reports that “Another neat Library Week event was a patron who had borrowed quilting books from us; she brought us her award-winning quilt to display in the library that week.”
- Director Ima Thomas reports that the Terra Alta Public Library experienced a four-day, 21,800-gallon water leak during National Library Week. “We did not get all of it inside our library,” she reports, “but we did get more than we wanted.”

ALA Office for Diversity extends deadline for research grant proposals



The ALA Office for Diversity has extended its deadline for proposals for its 2014 Diversity Research Grants to **May 16**. Proposals may concentrate on any diversity topic that addresses critical gaps in the knowledge of diversity issues within library and information science, including the recruitment and promotion of diverse individuals within the profession or the provision of library services to diverse populations. [Submission guidelines and proposal evaluation criteria are available on the ALA website.](#) For more information, email diversity@ala.org or call 1 (800) 545.2433, extension 5295.

Four WV library systems participating in *A Book That Shaped Me*; other libraries can sign up through May 31

Four West Virginia library systems are participating in **A Book That Shaped Me**, an annual summer essay contest from the Library of Congress in conjunction with public libraries in the Mid-Atlantic region. The contest encourages rising 5th- and 6th-grade students to reflect on books that have made a personal impact on their lives.



A Book That Shaped Me is administered as part of summer reading programs at participating public libraries in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Top winners will be honored during a ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 18. All students who enter the contest can redeem a free contest prize pack at the Library of Congress National Book Festival, August 30, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Students entering 5th and 6th grades in the fall of 2014 are eligible. Essays, focused on a single book, should be one page in length and must be submitted with an entry form, in person, at participating public library locations. **The deadline for entries is Monday, August 11.**

A Book That Shaped Me will award prizes to five finalists and one winner per state, and to three overall grand-prize winners. The three grand-prize winners will be selected by a panel of judges assembled by the Library of Congress including educators, children's authors, and Library of Congress staff.

[Submission forms are available](#) at the Library of Congress and [at participating public library locations](#). These West Virginia libraries are participating:

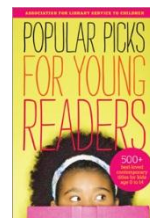
- [Martinsburg-Berkley County Public Libraries](#) (4 libraries)
- [Mason County Library](#) (4 libraries)
- [Roane County Public Libraries](#) (3 libraries)
- [Southern Area Public Library](#)

Note ► Mid-Atlantic public library systems **may sign up through May 31** by contacting BooksShapeContest@loc.gov for program details.

New publications available from State Library Services

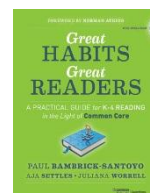
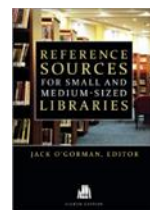
The West Virginia Library Commission's State Library Services has added the following titles to the Library Science Professional Collection. All titles are [available for check-out or through interlibrary loan](#).

- [Popular Picks for Young Readers](#). Featuring contributions by active librarians from around the country, this guide offers a goldmine of quality books for children, spotlighting more than 500 titles published within the last four years. Ranging from books for newborns through readers to age 14, the selected books encompass a wide variety of formats and themes to reflect the



diversity of contemporary society. *Popular Picks for Young Readers* is equally useful for readers' advisory and collection development.

- [Reference Sources For Small and Medium-Sized Libraries](#). Focusing on new reference sources published since 2008 and reference titles that have retained their relevance, this new edition brings O’Gorman’s complete and authoritative guide to the best reference sources for small and medium-sized academic and public libraries fully up to date. About 40 percent of the content is new to this edition. Containing sources selected and annotated by a team of public and academic librarians, the works included have been chosen for value and expertise in specific subject areas.
- [Great Habits Great Readers: A Practical Guide for K-4 Reading in the Light of Common Core](#). The book includes the strategies, systems, and lessons from the top classrooms that bring the habits of reading to life, creating countless quality opportunities for students to take one of the most complex skills we as people can know and to perform it fluently and easily.
- [Conducting Action Research to Evaluate Your School Library](#). Teacher librarians need to get directly involved with the research process in the learning commons in order to create actions and strategies that will enhance student learning—and benefit their own professional development as well as demonstrate accountability through their action research efforts. This book provides practical tips and work spaces for educators at the local, state, and national levels, clearly modeling and explaining the process and the tools for conducting action research in a school library setting that will identify the program's strengths and weaknesses.



Continuing Education Digest

Editor’s Note: *Continuing Education Digest*, formerly a separate WVLC publication, is now a section of *Library Lookout*. Note the continuing education opportunities below. (More can be found on the May [WVLC CE Calendar](#)).

- Crafts and Hobbies Webinar, May 13 at 2:00 PM. Experts in the craft arena will discuss what the future holds for the crafts and hobbies category. Topics will cover: (1) Current Trends and the future of rubber band crafts; (2) how bloggers and social media are contributing to the craft category; (3) how crafts evolve and/or resurge; (4) inspiration for crafters and where to find it and (5) seasonality and crafting. [Register online](#).
- [Beta Congress.Gov](#), Thursday, June 12 at 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Presented by members of the development team of [Congress.gov](#), this webinar presents information on the new Congressional legislative portal. [Congress.gov](#) is the official source for federal legislative information. It replaces the nearly 20-year-old THOMAS.gov site with a system that includes platform mobility, comprehensive information retrieval and user-friendly presentation. It currently includes all data sets available on THOMAS.gov except nominations, treaties and communications. These data sets will be added throughout 2014. THOMAS.gov will be permanently retired by the end of 2014. [Signup online](#).

- [Beginning Cataloging, Day 1](#), Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This e-course provides an overview of cataloging. Participants will learn basic cataloging terminology, how to read MARC records, how to find a MARC record for a work in Millennium, and basic integrated library system (ILS) functions. Contact [Heather Campbell-Shock](#) for more information.
- [Beginning Cataloging, Day 2](#), Thursday, July 24 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This e-course provides an overview of cataloging. Participants will learn basic cataloging terminology, how to read MARC records, how to find a MARC record for a work in Millennium, and basic integrated library system (ILS) functions. Contact [Heather Campbell-Shock](#) for more information.

Also note these sources for additional continuing education:

- [ALA Tech Source](#)
- [American Library Association Online Learning](#)
- [Booklist Online Webinars](#)
- [Lib2Gov](#)
- [Public Library Association Online Learning](#)
- [United for Libraries](#)
- [WebJunction](#)

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